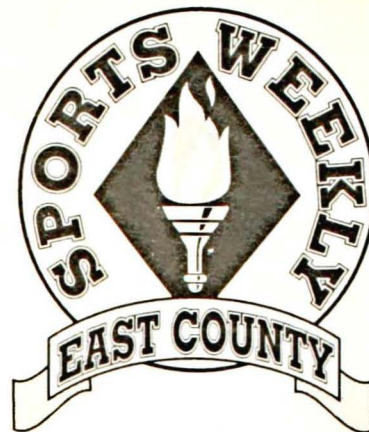


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## Padres Scholars

by Greg  
Eichelberger

Six East County youngsters, Chantai Bradford (Palm Middle School - Lemon Grove), Stephanie Valenzuela (Lemon Grove Middle School), Lilyann Robledo (Cajon Valley Middle - El Cajon) and Jennifer Gorham and Charlotte Shupe (Tierra del Sol - Lakeside), were among 25 San Diego youngsters to be chosen Padres Scholars for 1997.

The program, now in its third year, allows junior high school-age advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) students to receive a \$5,000 college scholarship funded by the Padres players and matched dollar for dollar by team owners, John Moores and Larry Lucchino.

AVID, which instills the desire and practicality of attending college into boys and girls who otherwise might not have the chance to go, was originally adopted here in 1980 and has become one of the most successful motivating classes in the county.

The sextet, all 12-years-old, were informed of their selection several weeks ago and then honored with their fellow recipients with a reception, a meeting with the players and an on-field ceremony last Tuesday before the Pads took on the St. Louis Cardinals.

They also join nine other pupils from this area (four in '96 and five last year) to have received this financial windfall.

"It was a surprise to be chosen, but I had enough self-confidence that I knew

I could win," laughed Robledo, the daughter of Lilia and Freddie Espanoza, who came from Ensenada,

Mexico when she was five years-old.

Bradford, who was thrilled at the honor, wants to attend Harvard to

From top clockwise: Padres Chris Jones chats with Chantai Bradford of Palm Middle School (Lemon Grove), Stephanie Valenzuela of Lemon Grove Middle School, Jennifer Gorham of Tierra del Sol (Lakeside) with Wally Joyner, Lilyann Robledo of Cajon Valley Middle School (El Cajon), Gary Fetti of La Mesa Middle School poses between Terry Burrows (left) and Andy Ashby, and Charlotte Shupe (Tierra del Sol) talks with Archi Cianfrocco before last Tuesday's Padres game at Jack Murphy/QualComm Stadium as the Padres Scholars were honored on the field.

major in medicine, while Valenzuela hasn't made up her mind as to whether she'd like to study journalism, law, medicine or education.

Fetty wants to become an architect after graduating from Michigan State, UCSD or Arizona; Gorham plans on going to UCSD to study medicine; and Shupe hopes to graduate with a degree in space technology like her heroine, astronaut Shannon Lucid.

These funds will accrue interest and be paid directly to the participant's choice of a four-year university after they have been accepted.

The student will lose this scholarship if he or she fails in any way to live up to the academic, citizenship and behavioral standards set forth in the conditions of the largess.

It was not an easy process, they had to fill out an application, write essays on why they wanted to attend college, who they most respected and what was the most important decision of their lives, all before being subjected to an oral interview by a countywide AVID and educational panel.

The kids will enjoy a year's worth of attention from the Padres organization in the form of free games, complimentary pieces of clothing, dinners, tours of the front office, as well as autograph and gab sessions with individual team members, who will act as their "pet players" for their reign.

"This concept provides that daily, constant nurturing vehicle that we cannot provide, because it's not within our ability or profession," said Padres senior vice president, Charles Steinberg.

Steinberg's sentiments on the program were echoed by county Board of Education member Jim Esterbrooks, who said that this was a great day for kids, the Padres organization and public school students and that it is the most generous college scholarship program that he knows of in the country.

For more information on AVID, call Mary Catherine Swanson at 292-3559.

Photos by Greg  
Eichelberger

## San Diego Stars one of best amateur teams

by Craig Wiens-Pinley  
Special to Forum Publications

For the San Diego Padres, a tough road trip is 10 days in swank hotels and flying a charter plane.

For the top amateur baseball team in Southern California, the treks are three weeks long and what gets them there is a motor vehicle with 130,000 miles on the odometer. You won't hear the Santee-San Diego Stars complaining, however. With three consecutive Western Regional titles in National Baseball Congress competition there's no reason to.

Manager Mickey Deutschman, who has been with the Stars since 1983, has racked up a 579-197 mark and has helped send a half dozen players to the major leagues, including Santee native

Jim Tatum (now with the San Diego Padres' Class-AAA Las Vegas Stars). Last season, the Stars finished 28-17, making the NBC World Series and winning the Kamloops International Tournament in British Columbia, the first California team to win the tourney in 24 years.

This year's team has posted a 6-2 mark heading into last weekend's games. And with a veteran pitching and catching crew back, the squad seems ready to defend its regional title and improve upon its 11th-place finish at the NBC event.

Four catchers return from the 1996 Stars roster, including Geoff Martinez, John Lehman and former Santana standouts Robert Tucker and Robert Ervin. Todd Holverson, Tim Larsen and Granite Hills product Scott Hurley are

three returnees who will make Deutschman's pitching staff solid.

Paul Carter, a lefty, impressed Deutschman early on, tossing 10 1/3 innings in his first start on the mound. Sean Nored, a righty, has already been impressive with the Stars in the past and returns after playing minor league baseball in 1996.

Eric Nelson, formerly of Granite Hills, anchors the Stars infield at shortstop after a year with nationally-rated Oklahoma State. Third baseman Steve Rohlmeier returns after making the All-Big West team at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and veteran first baseman Brian Sos is the top power threat offensively after hitting homers in seven straight games last summer.

The outfield will be filled with veteran  
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## Community Notes

### Music scholarships given local students

Jessica Cooper and Ryan Beard, both of Lemon Grove, were awarded scholarships from the Musical Merit Foundation of Greater San Diego in auditions that took place May 31.

Cooper was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship as a vocalist and Beard was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship as a pianist.

The Musical Merit Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing the talented classical musicians of the future by helping to further their musical education.

Instrumentalist candidates are between 16 and 23 years of age, vocalist between 18 and 28.

### Local seaman participates in Navy exercise

Navy Airman Dewayne A. Fuda, son of James E. and Felice C. Black of Lemon Grove, recently participated in the largest exercise of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group's deployment to date. Exercise Invitex 97-1 was comprised of 22 types of ships and submarines spanning seven countries participating in extensive operations at sea and over land.

The 1992 graduate of Mount Miguel High School joined the Navy in February 1996.

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Each bid shall be submitted on a form obtained at the Purchasing Department of said district, located at 1100 Murray Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020-5664 (mailing address: P.O. Box 1043, La Mesa, CA 91944-1043); shall be sealed and filed in said Purchasing Department on or before 2:00 p.m. on

June 25, 1997

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Clerk of the Governing Board  
Grossmont Union High School District

BID # 2682

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1994 Population: 25,100  
Incorporated: 1977  
Area: 3.75 sq. mi.  
Median income: \$34,399  
1996-97 city budget: \$26.3 million  
1996 taxable sales: \$265 million  
Mayor: Mary Teresa Sessom  
Council: Thomas Clabby  
Craig Lake  
Dwight Shelley  
Jeff Jandura

City Manager: Doug Yount  
Planning Director: Jim Butler  
City Attorney: Gloria McLean  
City Clerk: Christine Taub  
Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins

Fire Chief: Dale Chamberlain  
Congressional district:  
52nd - Duncan Hunter  
State Senate district:  
40th - Steve Peace  
State Assembly district:  
77th - Steve Baldwin  
Supervisory district:  
2nd - Dianne Jacob  
High school:

Libraries: 1  
Post offices: 1  
Parks: 4  
Recreation centers: 1

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## Letter to the Editor

### Mary Had a Little Scam

Mary, Mary  
Quite contrary  
How does your logic go?  
Lil Darlings is fine,  
Your salary must climb  
But the Lemon Grove Pageant  
MUST go.

Our roads are a mess  
as our citizens attest  
But maybe we'll get to them later;  
We'll drive business out,  
by using our clout  
But big business, well, we'll just  
cater.

Let's get into yards,  
where folks have worked hard  
Design them to our satisfaction;  
If people complain.

or think it's insane  
We'll threaten them with some  
legal action.

One thing I can't figure,  
Though I've made their pay bigger  
My staff is unhappy, no doubt;  
They're shaking their heads  
as they clean out their desks,  
Not looking back as they walk out.

My council's a mess  
Though I'm doing my best  
My budget is shot, ain't it queer?  
Inept I have gotten,  
My choices are rotten  
This ain't nothin', just wait til next  
year!

DOUG HANSEN  
Lemon Grove

## Sheriff's Log

### May 15-June 3, 1997

2200 blk. Berry St. Petty theft. \$150 value.

### May 27, 1997

7500 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$4,000 value.

### May 29, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$2,500 value.

### May 30, 1997

7800 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$12 value.

### May 31, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$14 value.

### June 1, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$190 value.

7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$28 value.

3500 blk. Grove St. Auto theft. \$13,000 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary. \$1,300 value.

### June 3, 1997

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary. \$1 value.

### June 4, 1997

7200 blk. Castle Ct. Residential burglary. Value unknown.

### June 7, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$5,000 value.

7600 blk. Lansing Dr. Strong-arm robbery. \$912 value.

## Lemon Grove Fire Log

### May 30 through June 5, 1997

7400 blk. Broadway. Commercial/industrial fire.

6900 blk. Broadway. Bicycle accident.

7500 blk. Pacific Ave. Seizure.

2800 blk. Citronella Ave. Smoke check.

2400 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Assist invalid.

3700 blk. Grove St. Fall.

1800 blk. Skyline Dr. Vehicle accident.

1500 blk. El Prado Ave. Vegetation fire.

Lemon Grove Ave./Broadway. Smoke check.

7000 blk. Casa Ln. Residential structure fire.

1300 blk. Glencoe Dr. Asthma.

7600 blk. Broadway. Chest pains.

7700 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Fainting.

7100 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Reaction to medication.

7400 blk. Broadway. Alarms ringing-commercial.

2400 blk. Hardy Dr. Medic alert alarm.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Laceration.

6500 blk. Mac Arthur Dr. Snake removal.

7200 blk. Broadway. Abdominal pains.

7500 blk. Broadway. Chest pains.

7000 blk. Park Grove Ct. Non breather.

2300 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Alarms ringing-residential.

Central Ave./Buena Vista Ave. Traffic accident.

1800 blk. Skyline Dr. Traffic accident.

7400 blk. Broadway. Medical aid.

7600 blk. Lemon Ave. Overdose.

3400 blk. Main St. Difficulty breathing.

7600 blk. Circle Dr. Chest pains.

3200 blk. College Pl. Assist motorist.

Golden Ave./Washington St. Fall.

2100 blk. Berry St. Unknown medical.

3200 blk. Buena Vista Ave. Possible heart.

7500 blk. Pacific Ave. Seizure.

7500 blk. Broadway. Possible heart.

Sweetwater Rd./Broadway. Vegetation fire.

6900 blk. Broadway. Vehicle fire.

7100 blk. West View Pl. Vomiting.

2800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Medical aid.

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# Eddie Williams enjoys living here and playing for Dodgers

by Greg Eichelberger

Professional baseball's Eddie Williams has the best of both worlds, at least according to him. He toils for the Los Angeles Dodgers organization, a team as rich in history and tradition as any franchise in existence, yet he maintains a home in La Mesa, an area he calls "quiet and beautiful," and a great place to raise his children.

The 32-year-old Hoover High alum, born in Shreveport, La., moved with his family to San Diego at age 3, and lived in the

Southeast section and then Normal Heights before settling in "the Jewel of the Hills" several years ago, after his family had lived in Lemon Grove long enough for him to attend Palm Junior High School.

He decided to go to Hoover High School because of its baseball program.

"When my wife and I had children, we began looking for a nice place to bring them up," said the Los Angeles utility infielder and back-up to star first baseman, Eric Karros. "I can't think of a better place than

East County to do that. Plus, playing for the Dodgers gives me a chance to spend some time at home with my family on a more regular basis whenever I have a day off."

Unfortunately, soon after talking to Williams, he was sent down to the Dodgers AAA franchise in Albuquerque after Karros came off the disabled list, taking away this advantage.

The house he now occupies was home to Brian Johnson and Doug Bochtler last year while Williams was with the Detroit Tigers.

Growing up in San Diego, and blessed with the God-given abilities ladled so abundantly upon him, it was natural for the 6-foot, 200-pound righthander to idolize the home team, and, like every local Little Leaguer who ever donned a uniform, he dreamed of becoming a Padre.

"I used to come to the games all the time, when they had Dave Winfield and Craig Nettles," he said. "If you have a dream and you're dedicated, that's something that's always in your mind."

He realized, while involved with various Little, Pony, and Colt league teams, that he had the right stuff to make a career out of the sport, and began an active pursuit of this goal.

He said that it's all about confidence, adding that talent is one thing, but attitude and a positive mindset are just as important. When he was 12-years-old, he said he knew he was going to be in the big leagues.

After playing with four Minor League clubs beginning in 1983, he made his first Major League appearance for the Cleveland Indians in '86. He spent parts of the next three seasons

alternating between the Tribe and its various Minor League squads until picked up by the White Sox in '89.

His childhood hope finally became a reality when he signed with the Pads in 1990. Playing for the team's Las Vegas AAA affiliation, he was doing so well by July (he batted .329 with 15 homers and 66 RBI), that he was called up to the big show.

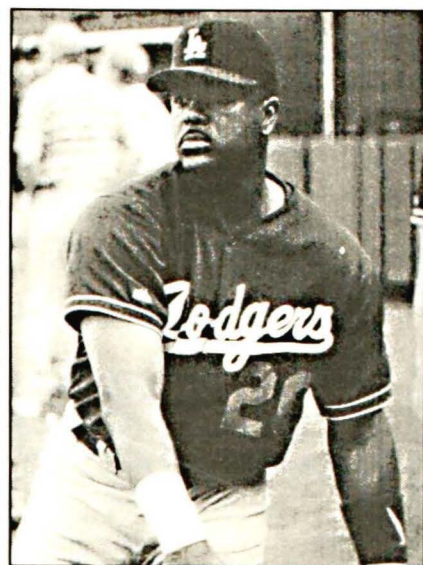
In 14 games for the Pads that year, he hit .286 (12 for 42), belted three home runs, and collected four RBI. "I was really happy to be on my hometown team," said Williams. He added that it was a great feeling to step out there on a field where he had grown up watching his favorites play.

However, the team didn't have the same feeling, and optioned him back to Vegas for the rest of the campaign. After all, it is as much of a business as a sport, and there's little room for sentiment in such matters.

He then traversed from Japan to Richmond, Virginia to the Mexican League before coming back to the Padres in 1994. He spent two years here before once again being let go and signing with the Tigers.

While in the Motor City, he had to opportunity to practice and work out with another East County product, Christian High grad, Tony Clark, who is among the AL leaders in home runs and RBI this year.

The journeyman tag applied to him has never bothered



La Mesa's own Eddie Williams works out before a recent contest against the Padres.  
Photo by Greg Eichelberger

Williams, who considers it an honor just to be able to be in the Majors.

"When you've been with as many organizations as I have," he said, "there's a tendency for guys to give up. They feel that maybe they can't make it. I've never felt like that. I've always known I could do the job."

He indicated that he would advise any up-and-coming ball-players not to rely on their friends, but to take care of things on their own, remembering his own experiences of avoiding trouble because he knew it might jeopardize his future career.

And even though his playing time will be considerably limited, his perspective continues to remain positive about a profession that can chew a person up and spit them out just as quickly. "It's easy to get to the Big Leagues, but it's hard to stay," he said.

## Sports Beat with Greg Eichelberger



Hello again, and for those new to our paper, this is the only sports column in San Diego dedicated to telling it like it is, East County style. Plus, the writer of it doesn't have a silly last name like Dickens or Quindt.

The All East County Prep Baseball teams have been selected, and, as per usual, they are stocked with award-winning talent befitting this area's stature regarding the sport. After all, did not two local schools lay claim to their respective CIF crowns recently?

The first team consists of **Trey Miller** (OF - Christian), **Brett Caradonna** (OF - El Capitan - also named Co-Player of the Year), **Ryan Lehr** (IF - Grossmont), **Sean Bischofberger** (IF - Granite Hills), **Brooks Conrad** (IF - Monte Vista), **Aurelio Jackson** (IF - Helix), **Beau Craig** (C - Grossmont), **Joe Kennedy** (UTL - El Cajon Valley), **Matt Berry** (P - Christian), **Kevin Correia** (P - Grossmont), **Paul Wardell** (1B - El Capitan), **Leo Daigle** (IF - Monte Vista - also named Co-Player of the Year), **Mario Knorr** (OF - El Capitan) and **Nick Priest** (OF - Granite Hills).

The second squad is as follows: **Randy Perez** (P - El Capitan), **Adam Diaz** (P - Grossmont), **Alfonso Luna** (P - Monte Vista), **Robbie Pheasant** (C - Christian), **Derek Ayres** (1B - Granite Hills), **Jason Canaris** (IF - Santana), **Jeremy Griffin** (IF - Christian), **Shawn Curley** (IF - Grossmont), **Tyler Nichols** (IF - Grossmont), **Joe Howarth** (OF - Grossmont), **Jesse Martinez** (OF - Granite Hills), **Josh Felice** (OF - Christian), **Eric Becker** (UTL - Valhalla) and **Andre Simpson** (UTL - Mount Miguel).

The co-coaches of the year were **Rob Phillips** of Grossmont and **Mike Mitchell** of Christian, the two organizations that just happened to have won CIF titles two weeks ago.

Speaking as I was of Diaz, not only did the *UT* give him one of their Athlete of the Week awards last Thursday, but they also published a story on him. It's by Paula Mascari-Bott, so it's not very good (like the time she wrote about Brett Caradonna, six months after Forum did!), but at least it has a local angle.

While still on the baseball bandwagon, El Capitan's **Steve Vicky** and **Mark Smelko** of Monte Vista were the coaches for the high school senior all-star games (Division 1A and 2A) played last week at UCSD's Cunningham Stadium. Way t' go, guys.

In the last issue, I informed you that my fat being was in the Padres monthly magazine - twice, and the danger of having one's (not so perfect) form revealed to an unwitting populace.

This lesson, however, has gone unheeded by the folks at XTRA sports radio 690. In that same publication, an ad appears showing the entire broadcasting line-up (at least the more popular ones). Radio personalities should never reveal their faces to the public, it not only removes the mystique, but can also be down right embarrassing, especially when one looks like John Lennon's evil twin (Lee "Hacksaw" Hamilton); one of the guys who shot Malcolm X (Jim Rome); the stuttering guy on "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" (John Ireland); Ted Koppel, Jr. (Steve Hartman); the character Jack Lemmon played in "Grumpy Old Me" (Bill Werndl) or "Eb" from "Green Acres" (Steve Mason). In fact, the only normal looking one was Jeannie Zelasko (featured in Forum last summer), and she's not even with the station, anymore! Just my two-cents worth, folks.

While watching batting practice at the Stadium last week, I witnessed Reuben Rivera (one of the players who came over from the Yankees in the Irabu deal) hit a ball into the third deck (press level). Craig Shipley turned to me and said he had never seen anything like it. Neither had I. When he told Steve Finley, the gold glove outfielder replied that it didn't hit the third deck, but struck a "wire that stretches from one foul pole to another." Maybe that's one of the reasons that Finley has been struggling of late. His eyesight is out of whack. That ball did hit the third deck. Professional jealousy, no doubt.

By the time you read this, I will have already traveled to Anaheim to witness the first interleague regular season games in Major League history. As a purist, I'm not a big fan of this, but like anyone, I'm anxious to see Ken Griffey, Jr., Mark McGwire, Jose Canseco, Alex Rodriguez, Juan Gonzalez and the like. Aren't you?

And if you're anxious to witness your athletic news appear right here, then call me at 390-7103, and you'll see just that. In the meantime, have a great sports week.

## SD Stars ...

an players this season as former University of San Diego star Jos Stepper, Ted Holverson, Shane Hobbs and Todd Hughes (Santa Clara University) have played at least one year with the Stars. Hobbs has minor league experience while Stepper played with Spain's top amateur program in 1996.

One collegiate player, Mount Miguel graduate Brian Terrell (Southwestern), should also see action in the outfield this summer while Boyd Sumner, a Point Loma Nazarene graduate, is the newcomer to the group.

During Deutschman's tenure with the Stars, the team has finished as high as fourth at the NBC World Series and has placed fifth on two other occasions.

More impressive is the list of former players still performing in professional organizations.

Outfielder Mike Frank (Santa Clara) was selected in the seventh round by the Cincinnati Reds and Granite Hills graduate Marcus Giles was signed earlier this month by the Atlanta Braves after earning a Most Outstanding Player award in the Kamloops tourney. Dave Cortes and Mike Jackson also signed pro contracts after the 1996 season.

At Barsoom, Mike Spears, Scott Hopgood, Jacque Jones,

Ryan Smith, Gary Marshall, Tim Fortugno and Eddie Williams are just a few of the former Stars still in pro baseball.

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# Eddie Williams enjoys living here and playing for Dodgers

by Greg Eichelberger

Professional baseball's Eddie Williams has the best of both worlds, at least according to him. He toils for the Los Angeles Dodgers organization, a team as rich in history and tradition as any franchise in existence, yet he maintains a home in La Mesa, an area he calls "quiet and beautiful," and a great place to raise his children.

The 32-year-old Hoover High alum, born in Shreveport, La., moved with his family to San Diego at age 3, and lived in the

Southeast section and then Normal Heights before settling in "the Jewel of the Hills" several years ago, after his family had lived in Lemon Grove long enough for him to attend Palm Junior High School.

He decided to go to Hoover High School because of its baseball program.

"When my wife and I had children, we began looking for a nice place to bring them up," said the Los Angeles utility infielder and back-up to star first baseman, Eric Karros. "I can't think of a better place than

East County to do that. Plus, playing for the Dodgers gives me a chance to spend some time at home with my family on a more regular basis whenever I have a day off."

Unfortunately, soon after talking to Williams, he was sent down to the Dodgers AAA franchise in Albuquerque after Karros came off the disabled list, taking away this advantage.

The house he now occupies was home to Brian Johnson and Doug Bochtler last year while Williams was with the Detroit Tigers.

Growing up in San Diego, and blessed with the God-given abilities ladled so abundantly upon him, it was natural for the 6-foot, 200-pound righthander to idolize the home team, and, like every local Little Leaguer who ever donned a uniform, he dreamed of becoming a Padre.

"I used to come to the games all the time, when they had Dave Winfield and Craig Nettles," he said. "If you have a dream and you're dedicated, that's something that's always in your mind."

He realized, while involved with various Little, Pony, and Colt league teams, that he had the right stuff to make a career out of the sport, and began an active pursuit of this goal.

He said that it's all about confidence, adding that talent is one thing, but attitude and a positive mindset are just as important. When he was 12-years-old, he said he knew he was going to be in the big leagues.

After playing with four Minor League clubs beginning in 1983, he made his first Majors appearance for the Cleveland Indians in '86. He spent parts of the next three seasons

alternating between the Tribe and its various Minor League squads until picked up by the White Sox in '89.

His childhood hope finally became a reality when he signed with the Pads in 1990. Playing for the team's Las Vegas AAA affiliation, he was doing so well by July (he batted .329 with 15 homers and 66 RBI), that he was called up to the big show.

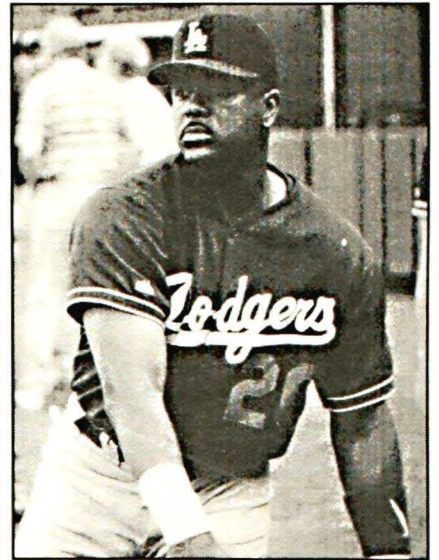
In 14 games for the Pads that year, he hit .286 (12 for 42), belted three home runs, and collected four RBI. "I was really happy to be on my hometown team," said Williams. He added that it was a great feeling to step out there on a field where he had grown up watching his favorites play.

However, the team didn't have the same feeling, and optioned him back to Vegas for the rest of the campaign. After all, it is as much of a business as a sport, and there's little room for sentiment in such matters.

He then traversed from Japan to Richmond, Virginia to the Mexican League before coming back to the Padres in 1994. He spent two years here before once again being let go and signing with the Tigers.

While in the Motor City, he had to opportunity to practice and work out with another East County product, Christian High grad, Tony Clark, who is among the AL leaders in home runs and RBI this year.

The journeyman tag applied to him has never bothered



La Mesa's own Eddie Williams works out before a recent contest against the Padres.  
Photo by Greg Eichelberger

Williams, who considers it an honor just to be able to be in the Majors.

"When you've been with as many organizations as I have," he said, "there's a tendency for guys to give up. They feel that maybe they can't make it. I've never felt like that. I've always known I could do the job."

He indicated that he would advise any up-and-coming ballplayers not to rely on their friends, but to take care of things on their own, remembering his own experiences of avoiding trouble because he knew it might jeopardize his future career.

And even though his playing time will be considerably limited, his perspective continues to remain positive about a profession that can chew a person up and spit them out just as quickly. "It's easy to get to the Big Leagues, but it's hard to stay," he said.

## Sports Beat with Greg Eichelberger

Hello again, and for those new to our paper, this is the only sports column in San Diego dedicated to telling it like it is, East County style. Plus, the writer of it doesn't have a silly last name like Dickens or Quindt.

The All East County Prep Baseball teams have been selected, and, as per usual, they are stocked with award-winning talent befitting this area's stature regarding the sport. After all, did not two local schools lay claim to their respective CIF crowns recently?

The first team consists of **Trey Miller** (OF - Christian), **Brett Caradonna** (OF - El Capitan - also named Co-Player of the Year), **Ryan Lehr** (IF - Grossmont), **Sean Bischofberger** (IF - Granite Hills), **Brooks Conrad** (IF - Monte Vista), **Aurelio Jackson** (IF - Helix), **Beau Craig** (C - Grossmont), **Joe Kennedy** (UTL - El Cajon Valley), **Matt Berry** (P - Christian), **Kevin Correia** (P - Grossmont), **Paul Wardell** (1B - El Capitan), **Leo Daigle** (IF - Monte Vista - also named Co-Player of the Year), **Mario Knorr** (OF - El Capitan) and **Nick Priest** (OF - Granite Hills).

The second squad is as follows: **Randy Perez** (P - El Capitan), **Adam Diaz** (P - Grossmont), **Alfonso Luna** (P - Monte Vista), **Robbie Pheasant** (C - Christian), **Derek Ayres** (1B - Granite Hills), **Jason Canaris** (IF - Santana), **Jeremy Griffin** (IF - Christian), **Shawn Curley** (IF - Grossmont), **Tyler Nichols** (IF - Grossmont), **Joe Howarth** (OF - Grossmont), **Jesse Martinez** (OF - Granite Hills), **Josh Felice** (OF - Christian), **Eric Becker** (UTL - Valhalla) and **Andre Simpson** (UTL - Mount Miguel).

The co-coaches of the year were **Rob Phillips** of Grossmont and **Mike Mitchell** of Christian, the two organizations that just happened to have won CIF titles two weeks ago.

Speaking as I was of Diaz, not only did the U.T. give him one of their Athlete of the Week awards last Thursday, but they also published a story on him. It's by Paula Mascari-Bott, so it's not very good (like the time she wrote about Brett Caradonna, six months after Forum did!), but at least it has a local angle.

While still on the baseball bandwagon, El Capitan's **Steve Vickey** and **Mark Smelko** of Monte Vista were the coaches for the high school senior all-star games (Division 1A and 2A) played last week at UCSD's Cunningham Stadium. Way t' go, guys.

In the last issue, I informed you that my fat being was in the Padres monthly magazine - twice, and the danger of having one's (not so perfect) form revealed to an unwitting populace.

This lesson, however, has gone unheeded by the folks at XTRA sports radio 690. In that same publication, an ad appears showing the entire broadcasting line-up (at least the more popular ones). Radio personalities should never reveal their faces to the public, it not only removes the mystique, but can also be down right embarrassing, especially when one looks like John Lennon's evil twin (Lee "Hacksaw" Hamilton); one of the guys who shot Malcolm X (Jim Rome); the stuttering guy on "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" (John Ireland); Ted Koppel, Jr. (Steve Hartman); the character Jack Lemmon played in "Grumpy Old Me" (Bill Werndl) or "Eb" from "Green Acres" (Steve Mason). In fact, the only normal looking one was Jeannie Zelasko (featured in Forum last summer), and she's not even with the station, anymore! Just my two-cents worth, folks.

While watching batting practice at the Stadium last week, I witnessed Reuben Rivera (one of the players who came over from the Yankees in the Irabu deal) hit a ball into the third deck (press level). Craig Shipley turned to me and said he had never seen anything like it. Neither had I. When he told Steve Finley, the gold glove outfielder replied that it didn't hit the third deck, but struck a "wire that stretches from one foul pole to another." Maybe that's one of the reasons that Finley has been struggling of late. His eyesight is out of whack. That ball did hit the third deck. Professional jealousy, no doubt.

By the time you read this, I will have already traveled to Anaheim to witness the first interleague regular season games in Major League history. As a purist, I'm not a big fan of this, but like anyone, I'm anxious to see Ken Griffey, Jr., Mark McGwire, Jose Canseco, Alex Rodriguez, Juan Gonzales and the like. Aren't you?

And if you're anxious to witness your athletic news appear right here, then call me at 390-7103, and you'll see just that. In the meantime, have a great sports week.

## SD Stars...

an players this season as former University of San Diego star Jos Stepner, Ted Holverson, Shane Hobbs and Todd Hughes (Santa Clara University) have played at least one year with the Stars. Hobbs has minor league experience while Stepner played with Spain's top amateur program in 1996.

One collegiate player, Mount Miguel graduate Brian Terrell (Southwestern), should also see action in the outfield this summer while Boyd Sumner, a Point Loma Nazarene graduate, is the newcomer to the group.

During Deutschman's tenure with the Stars, the team has finished as high as fourth at the NBC World Series and has placed fifth on two other occasions.

More impressive is the list of former players still performing in professional organizations.

Outfielder Mike Frank (Santa Clara) was selected in the seventh round by the Cincinnati Reds and Granite Hills graduate Marcus Giles was signed earlier this month by the Atlanta Braves after earning a Most Outstanding Player award in the Kamloops tourney. Dave Cortes and Mike Jackson also signed pro contracts after the 1996 season.

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